

San Francisco, Feb. 28, 1888.

The weather during the last four or five days has been delightful. The sky is perfectly clear, and the sun is so warm that summer clothes would not be uncomfortable during the middle of the days. The nights have partaken somewhat of the warmth of the days, and though cool enough to be invigorating, and even to require blankets on the beds, they have yet been warm enough to permit of sleeping in the open air. The weather here just now bears a great resemblance to the Indian Summer in the Mississippi Valley. The warm sun, following upon a moderate rain, has given an unusual impetus to vegetation. The hills are plain green, with a vigorous growth of grass, and the plum bushes and shrubs are putting on the green of Spring. The roses, violets, melons and wild carolans are blooming in the gardens, and numerous wild flowers may be found on the hill sides and in the canons. The ground is so warm that it is surprising to the grower to find the seeds and young plants, many of which more probably are eaten here than in any other city in the Union, are grown in abundance in the open air, and are to be seen in every stall in the markets. New potatoes, not raised in this county, are coming in, and are sold at eight cents per pound.

We have not had fair weather during the whole fortnight. A heavy rain commenced on the 23d ult., and continued for three days, making a total of 1.82 inches of rain. This was followed by a heavy rain on the 26th, which has fallen during the season. The date considerably greater than that in any winter season, and in the valleys, brought snow and hail on the mountains. In Tuolumne County there was a severe hail storm, the stones being many of them three-quarters of an inch in diameter, and the rain did much damage to the crops. The reports from most of the mining towns are very favorable. The snow was not so low along the lower hills of the Sierra Nevada, or as thawed as soon as it struck the ground.

The farmers in the northern part of the State are not so much as usual, and the farmers in the southern part of the State are not so much as usual. The rain has been of great benefit to the counties south of the bay, but of little benefit to the counties north of the bay. San Francisco by drawing out the gophers, which are favored by four or five very dry winters, had increased in numbers, and had become an obnoxious pest. The reports from the valley of Tuolumne, there has not been so much rain as necessary to secure a large crop of grass during the month of Summer. At Humboldt Bay more rain fell during December than in any other month of the season. A water-worn quartz bowlder, weighing 42 pounds, was found last week in a tunnel in Placer County, 300 feet under the surface of the ground.

A suspension aqueduct, to be half a mile long, 180 feet high, and to cost \$20,000, is to be built at Jersey Lind, Calaveras County. The project is the work of J. H. El Dorado County, and a strike against the high price charged for water by the Ditch Company of that place. The miners had held a meeting, and adopted resolutions declaring that they will not pay more than 25 cents per acre for water, and that they will not be asked to pay for water until a company to run the head waters of the Klamath River into the Sacramento, mainly for the purpose of draining the former stream so that its bed can be washed for gold in the Summer, and partly for the purpose of increasing the value of the water in the former and last week in a tunnel in Placer County, 300 feet under the surface of the ground.

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A bill will probably be introduced soon to provide for funding the floating debt of the city, which is now over \$1,000,000. The bill is now in the hands of the Finance Committee, and will probably be reported to the Legislature in a few days. The bill is a very important one, and will probably be passed by the Legislature in a few days. The bill is a very important one, and will probably be passed by the Legislature in a few days.

The Governor has appointed as his Private Secretary his brother-in-law, Mr. M. T. Brodhead. Mr. Brodhead is a very capable man, and will probably be a great help to the Governor. The Governor has also appointed as his Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, Mr. J. H. Brown. Mr. Brown is a very capable man, and will probably be a great help to the Governor.

A Committee of the Legislature has been in the city for several days examining persons and papers in regard to the mail contract with the Pacific Mail Steamship Company. The committee has found many irregularities, and will probably report to the Legislature in a few days. The committee has also found many irregularities, and will probably report to the Legislature in a few days.

The Supreme Court of the State has rendered another and probably a final decision in the matter of Adams & Company, ordering the property to be paid over to the company. The decision is a very important one, and will probably be a great help to the company. The decision is a very important one, and will probably be a great help to the company.

The fortnight has been characterized by a woe-filled number of suicides and deadly affrays. On the 20th ult., Adolph F. Brands, a young man employed as doorkeeper in the wealthy mercantile house of Macdonald & Co., committed suicide by taking strychnine, because he had been detected in purloining \$1,900 belonging to his employers. He had held a very respectable position, and had the confidence of Macdonald & Co., who for a long time had paid him an annual salary of \$5,000. He could not get on with his employers, and had been dismissed. He had a very respectable position, and had the confidence of Macdonald & Co., who for a long time had paid him an annual salary of \$5,000.

On the 25th ult., John Harrison, Chief Deputy under Sheriff Scamell, and Democratic candidate for Sheriff in the last election, committed suicide, by shooting himself with a pistol, which he held with the muzzle in his mouth and fired directly backward, so that the ball broke two of the vertebrae of the neck. Instantly death followed immediately upon the shot. The motive for suicide in this case is unknown. Harrison was a quiet, temperate man, in fair health, and was very popular among his acquaintances. He was a very capable man, and will probably be a great help to the Sheriff.

On the same day Mr. Charles O'Connell, a clerk in the fashionable dry-goods store of Ames & Co., committed suicide by taking strychnine. Mr. O'Connell was a native of Ireland. On the 23d ult., a bloody battle took place with volleys between six persons, three on each side, at Stelling's Ranch on the Merced River. E. G. Stelling, Wm. Stevens and Dr. J. W. Gooden were the three who were killed. The battle was a very important one, and will probably be a great help to the Sheriff.

Legal Notices.

**IN PURSUANCE of an order of the Surrogate of the County of New York,** notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of CURTIS HOLMES, late of the City of New York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers therefor, to the undersigned, at his office, at No. 112 Broadway, in the City of New York, on or before the 30th day of March next. Dated New York, on the 27th day of January, 1887.

**IN PURSUANCE of an order of the Surrogate of the County of New York,** notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of MERRILL FITCH & ALLIN, late of the City of New York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers therefor, to the undersigned, at his office, at No. 112 Broadway, in the City of New York, on or before the 13th day of July next. Dated New York, on the 27th day of January, 1887.

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Partnership Notices.

**COPARTNERSHIP.**—The undersigned, having this day formed a partnership under the style and firm of DEMAREST & AITKENHEAD, with capital of \$100,000, and with offices at 69 Broadway, New York, March 1, 1888. D. B. DEMAREST, J. A. AITKENHEAD.

**DISSOLUTION.**—THE COPARTNERSHIP formed by the undersigned, under the style and firm of MORRIS & KEELER, is hereby dissolved, and the business of the firm is terminated, as of the 1st day of March, 1888. D. B. KEELER, J. A. MORRIS.

**COPARTNERSHIP.**—The undersigned, having this day formed a partnership under the style and firm of KEELER & MORRIS, with capital of \$100,000, and with offices at 69 Broadway, New York, March 1, 1888. D. B. KEELER, J. A. MORRIS.

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Financial.

**NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.**—THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE PITTSBURGH, FORT WANE, AND CHICAGO RAILROAD COMPANY, will be held at the office of the Secretary, at No. 112 Broadway, New York, on Wednesday, the 13th day of March, 1888, at 10 o'clock A. M.

**DISBURSEMENTS DURING THE YEAR.**—The undersigned, having this day received the proceeds of the sale of the stock of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wane, and Chicago Railroad Company, and having paid the same to the stockholders, is hereby notified that the same have been distributed to the stockholders, and that the same are now on hand at the office of the Secretary, at No. 112 Broadway, New York.

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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK.**—The undersigned, having this day received the annual statement of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, and having examined the same, is hereby notified that the same are now on hand at the office of the Secretary, at No. 112 Broadway, New York.

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